

Application No. 10/025,307
Amendment-A dated 05/18/2004
Response to Office Action 03/01/2004

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 14, 16 – 30, and 32 – 46 are currently presented and reconsideration is requested.

Original claims 15, 31, and 47 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations previously recited in claim 15.

Claims 4, 5, and 6 have been amended to reflect proper antecedent basis.

Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations previously recited in claim 31.

Claims 20, 21, and 22 have been amended to reflect proper antecedent basis.

Claim 42 has been amended to include the limitations previously recited in claim 47.

Two amendments were made to the specification at pages 15 and 26 to correct typographical errors.

No new matter has been added.

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CLAIM REJECTION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Milby, Jr. et al.* (U.S. 5,527,303) in view of *Olsson et al.* (U.S. 5,746,732). Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of original claim 15. Since the Examiner has indicated that original claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim, rejected claims 1, 2, 8, 10, and 16 should now be allowable. Similarly, objected claims 3 – 7, 9, and 11 – 14 should now be allowable.

Claims 17, 18, 24, 26 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Milby, Jr. et al.* (U.S. 5,527,303) and *Olsson et al.* (U.S. 5,746,732) and further in view of *Widlund et al.* (U.S. 6,461,344). Applicants have amended claim 17 to include the limitations of original claim 31. Since the Examiner has indicated that original claim 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim, rejected claims 17, 18, 24, 26 and 32 should now be allowable. Similarly, objected claims 19 – 23, 25, and 27 – 30 should now be allowable.

Claims 42, 43, and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Clear. et al.* (U.S. 5,575,783) in view of *Olsson et al.* (U.S. 5,746,732). Applicants have amended claim 42 to include the limitations of original claim 47. Since the Examiner has indicated that original claim 47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim, rejected claims 42, 43, and 46 should now be allowable. Similarly, objected claims 44 and 45 should now be allowable.

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CONCLUSION

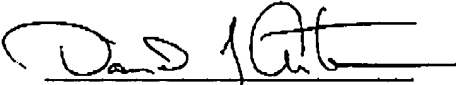
For at least any or all of the foregoing remarks, the foregoing rejections should be withdrawn. Consequently, Applicants submit that the Application, including Claims 1 – 14, 16 – 30, and 32 – 46, is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

In the event the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) which may be required for this Response to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., Deposit Account No. 11-0875.

Respectfully submitted,
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